

Rapid response and recovery



Hawke's Bay Regional Council has a vital role in the response and recovery from Cyclone Gabrielle.

We are working closely with Hawke's Bay Civil Defence Emergency Management Group, other councils and key agencies to respond to and understand this unprecedented event.

Where can people get up-to-date information?

Response information

hbemergency.govt.nz
HB Civil Defence Emergency Management Group | Facebook

Local Councils

Wairoa District Council
wairoa.govt.nz, 06 838 7309

Hastings District Council
hastingsdc.govt.nz, 06 871 5000

Napier City Council
napier.govt.nz, 06 835 7579

Central Hawke's Bay District Council
chbdc.govt.nz, 06 857 8060

Hawke's Bay Regional Council
hbrc.govt.nz
0800 108 838 or 06 835 4363

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Find out more about our response at hbrc.info/ HelpforFarmers

How quickly will stop banks be repaired?

There was major damage to the region's flood infrastructure which will take time to fully repair.

Rapid damage assessments have been completed and breaches have been mapped. Stop banks have been damaged on the Ngaruroro, Tukituki and Tūtaekurī rivers, and some pumping stations on streams and drains were flooded and stopped operating.

The immediate focus for the Regional Council is doing everything we can to prepare stop banks for future rain events. Staff are also reinstating the region's flood warning system and repairing pump stations.

We have 13 Rapid Repair teams working at pace on the breaches and we have bunds (temporary replacement stop banks) in place. We are moving onto more permanent repairs.

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Why did the stop bank damage occur?

The amount of runoff resulting from high intensity rainfall exceeded the level of service (protection) provided by both the Heretaunga and Upper Tukituki Flood control schemes. Rainfall intensities in many locations exceeded a 1-in-500 return period.

The floodwater caused 30 breaches in our stop banks, equalling about 6km of our 248km network. Important to note: the stop banks did not burst their flood banks. Stop banks were overtopped and this led to erosion because of the large volume of water moving at speed - a number of breaches developed where the stop bank was washed away. In some places, built up tree material on bridges led to stop banks overtopping.

We had started to lift flood protection on the Heretaunga Plains scheme from 1-in-100 year flood levels to 1-in-500 year levels. The Taradale stop bank upgrade completed late last year was instrumental in protecting much of Napier from catastrophic flooding, so we know these upgrades are vital.

What are the best ways to get help in rural areas?

Farmers and growers are working together in localised hubs, and getting council and agency assistance, so these can be the best contact for a range of help in the first instance. **Go to hbrc.info/CommunityHubs**

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Recovery grants

The Government is providing recovery grants and funding to help farmers, growers, and whenua Māori owners recover from Cyclone Gabrielle. Applications are open till 20 March (3 April for hard-to-reach areas). **Go to hbrc.info/MPIfunding**

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HB Disaster Relief Fund

The Disaster Relief Fund provides financial support to residents and ratepayers of the Hawke's Bay region who have been affected by Cyclone Gabrielle. This one-off hardship grant provides funds for damage or hardship incurred as a result of the cyclone.

Hawke's Bay Mayors and Chair have activated the regional Disaster Relief Trust, making it easy for people from anywhere in New Zealand to donate to the region's Cyclone Gabrielle recovery effort and people needing financial support to apply for assistance.

To donate: hbrc.info/HBcycloneDONATE
or access the donation form by text: Text DONATE 5569

To apply for assistance: hbrc.info/HBDisasterFund

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Civil Defence payments

Civil Defence payments from Work and Income are available for all people in affected areas; no previous interaction with WINZ is required.

Go to hbrc.info/CDpayments

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Hawke's Bay
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Welfare Helpline

0800 117 672

For help with health and wellbeing, accommodation, food supplies, household goods, services support, rural support, or animal welfare.

Call weekdays
8am to 8pm
Call weekends
8am to 4.15pm



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How are we helping farmers and orchardists clear damage?

We are mindful of the pressure many landowners in our region are under and we are in close contact with all agencies involved in the recovery to best support our communities. Landowners can contact the Regional Council for advice and assistance.

Phone 06 835 9200 or 0800 108 838
go to hbrc.info/waste

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Silt removal: If you have silt waste on a lifestyle block, farm or orchard, the Regional Council will be able to help you remove larger volumes. These landowners are asked to remove the silt from around vines or trees and move it to one location on their own property with access for trucks. **PLEASE NOTE:** the Regional Council does not coordinate residential silt removal. EQC have advice on dealing with residential silt here **hbrc.info/EQCfactsheet**

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Wood waste: If you have wood waste on a lifestyle block, farm or orchard, the Regional Council will be able to help you remove larger volumes. Landowners are asked to move the wood waste to a location on their property with suitable access for trucks.

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Posts and wire: Where landowners have large quantities of posts and wire from fences, such as viticulture and horticulture operations, these can be collected by the Regional Council. **PLEASE NOTE:** Tanalised posts and wire that make up this waste should not be burned. But un-tanalised timber can be piled up, and when dry it can be burned.

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Household goods: Disposal of flood damaged household goods is through local councils - people can check their local council website or phone them for the latest advice.

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Ponding: Landowners with ponding water still on their land can contact us for advice and assistance.

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Regional parks and trails

Our parks and trails suffered substantial damage during Cyclone Gabrielle. All parks and some trails are currently closed.

For regular updates go to

hbrc.info/parks
hbrc.info/HBtrails


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